

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BARBARA DEE BRADFORD

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Barbara Dee Bradford. After 21 years, Barbie, as she is warmly known by friends and coworkers, is retiring from her post as Director of the Learning Center at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

Barbie began her career at UNT in 1988 as a counselor in the Counseling and Testing Center, and has spent her entire career at UNT dedicated to student success and learning. In 1998 she created the Learning Center and has served as its only Director. Under her leadership, the Center has grown from an office with only one full-time employee and a handful of student workers to one that has seven full-time staff, several graduate assistants, and hundreds of student workers.

Barbie implemented Supplemental Instruction at UNT, a program where students who have recently completed a course return in future semesters and serve as study session tutors for those in the class. This successful program has helped improve the grades of thousands of students at UNT. Today, the Volunteer Tutor program thrives, and hundreds of students volunteer their time to assist other students.

Barbie has devoted time, even on weekends, to assist parents with their child's transition to UNT. For ten years, she has delivered a presentation to parents at each summer orientation session. Barbie uses personal examples to help parents feel at ease. Over the years, she has received numerous phone calls from parents and had students show up on her door. In all those situations, Barbie has welcomed the opportunity to be of assistance to the student, and the family.

Barbie has mentored hundreds of students, graduate students and staff members. Whether the students worked in her office or appeared at her door, she always has taken time to provide guidance and lend an ear. All who have worked for Barbie hold her in the highest regard.

Barbie is a walking example of a lifelong learner and exemplifies that to all with whom she comes in contact, which has allowed her to positively influence the lives of thousands of students over her 21 years at UNT. As a proud alumnus, I appreciate her dedication in support of their academic success as they build the foundations for their future.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today and recognize Barbie Bradford for her years of dedication and selfless service to the University of North Texas. I am proud to represent her and UNT in the United States Congress.

HONORING FRED MACHADO

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Fred Machado upon being named the "2009 Agriculturist of the Year" by the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Machado will be recognized at the annual Agricultural Awards luncheon on November 18, 2009 in Fresno, California.

In 1932, Mr. Fred Machado was born in the Azores region of Portugal. At the age of sixteen he migrated to the United States with his family. When he arrived in the U.S. he began working as a farm laborer doing jobs that included milking cows for two hundred and fifty dollars a month. He enjoyed the work and took to the dairy industry quickly, but decided to join the United States Navy. In 1955, after leaving the Navy he had saved enough money to purchase a twenty-acre plot in Easton, just west of Fresno, California. During the 1950's, Mr. Machado established a dairy with fifty cows, the company grew, quickly reaching fifteen hundred heifers.

Over the years, Mr. Machado's land increased from twenty-acres to an eight hundred-acre farming operation that produces almonds, grapes, orchards and feed crops. Until this year the farm also included the dairy, however with unprecedented low prices for milk, the Machado family decided to retire from the dairy business.

Mr. Machado is a very active member of the community. He has served on the boards of the National Milk Producers Federation, Challenge Dairy, Danish Creamery and numerous community organizations. Mr. Machado has been active with the Fresno County Farm Bureau for over fifty years, serving in multiple leadership positions including serving as the Eastern Center Co-Chairman, and as president from 1972–1974.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Frank Machado upon being named the "2009 Agriculturist of the Year." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Machado many years of continued success.

HONORING CORNELIS J.H. VAN DE VELDE PH.D., M.D.

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cornelis J.H. van de Velde Ph.D., M.D. For his commitment to the fight against cancer and his participation at the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium in The Villages, Florida on January 21. Hosted by the Caring and Sharing Vil-

lagers and the Alliance Healthcare Foundation, the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium is intended to raise funds for the creation of a \$25 million cancer center next to Leesburg Regional Hospital and promote cancer awareness in our community.

Currently serving as Professor of Surgical Oncology at the Leiden University Medical Center in Leiden, the Netherlands, Dr. van de Velde has supervised over 50 Ph.D. theses, coordinated 14 projects of the Netherlands Cancer Foundation, six health insurance fund projects, six European randomized breast cancer studies, and four European randomized colorectal cancer studies.

In addition to serving as a professor at the Leiden University Medical Center, he is the center's Coordinator of Oncology and sits on numerous committees there. He serves as Chairman of the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences, founded and was the first Chairman of the Dutch Colorectal Cancer Group, the Dutch Gastric Cancer Group and the Dutch Breast Cancer Group. Dr. van de Velde has also been the President of the European Society of Surgical Oncology since 2008 and is currently Vice President of the European Cancer Society.

Dr. van de Velde was recognized in 1999 as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in London and the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians in Glasgow.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as Cornelis van de Velde should be recognized for their sincere dedication to improving the health and quality of life for people all over the world. With the passing of my husband Harvey to pancreatic cancer, I can personally attest to the effects of cancer on both a person and their family. I sincerely appreciate the work that Dr. van de Velde has done and wish him further success in his medical endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 98TH BIRTHDAY OF RUBY HARTLEY BARTON

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the special life of Ruby Hartley Barton of Talladega, Alabama.

Mrs. Barton was born on December 15, 1911 in Georgia to James and Victoria Hartley. Mrs. Barton's father died while she was a baby, and her mother raised her and her six brothers and sisters. Mrs. Barton grew up in a farming and textile family.

She was married to the late B.W. Barton for over 50 years and was blessed with two sons, Charles D. Barton and Larry H. Barton and one daughter, Edith Barton Bishop. Mrs. Barton now has three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mrs. Barton worked at Bemis Mills for close to 40 years and has spent her life serving God

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